### What the IRC Does Not Do?

Our IRC does not in any way provide or facilitate visa applications; financial support in any form; assistance in job placements in the U.S.; students admission for University in the U.S.

Our IRC is set up to address US-based information needs from official sources for our official audience.

### About the IRC Name?

The IRC was named after Whitney M. Young Jr. in 1972 who drowned in Nigeria in 1971 during an official visit. The Center was dedicated by his wife Margaret Young on March 20, 1971

Young was born in 1921 in Kentucky and rose to become the Executive Director of the National



Whitney M. Young Jr.

Urban League. This organization is one of the oldest and most effective organizations devoted to promoting civil rights in the United States as well as improving the economic circumstances of African-Americans.

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# Whitney M. Young Jr. Information Resource Center

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For comprehensive, current and authoritative information services about the U.S.,

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## The Information Resource Center

The Lagos Information Resource Center (IRC) is a reference / research library aimed at providing comprehensive and authoritative information on the United States to those who need it to make informed decisions.

Our IRC is not a public library. It serves select target audiences who fall within our mandate. Some of these include top government officials, NGOs, Journalists, researchers and Think Tanks. Students must come with letters from their supervisors and valid official school Identity cards.



### **IRC Resources**

Our IRC is fully equipped with both print and electronic resources on U.S. policies, economy, social and security issues, media issues, rule of law and civic education.

Our collection includes several specialized reference books, selected books, latest periodicals and scholarly journals, current American Newspapers and CD-ROM based databases.

The IRC has full internet access. We have an up-to-date Web site with lots of useful links.

Visit our web site at http://usembassy.

state.gov/lagos/

The IRC subscriptions also include several Online databases covering a range of sources and subjects in mostly full-text formats:

•	PROQUEST	Full-text articles from
•	First Search	thousands of American
•	EBSCO	journals and newspapers
•	PDQ	US Policy Documents
•	Lexis-Nexis	Covers legislation by
•	Dow Jones	Federal and State
		government
•	Galenet	News, Transcripts
•	Info USA	General information about  USA

Our IRC provides quick reference services on contact addresses, simple statistics, biographical information, professional associations and articles in specialized areas. We also do in depth and specialized searches for our target audience.

### **Gaining Access to the IRC**

The Center is open 12.00 noon – 3.30 p.m. Monday through Thursday. Usage is by appointment ONLY.

Reminder: we are only open to our target audience.

### **IRC Staff**

The staff of our IRC are well trained to handle any of your requests.

In the unlikely event that we are unable to provide information from our on-site resources, we can call upon expertise and information infrastructure available to us in the U.S.



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